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I make the following FINDINGS - that the Defendant understands: 1. the right to persist in a plea of "not guilty"; 2. the right to a speedy and public trial; 3. the right to be tried by a jury, or the ability to waive that right and have a judge try the case without a jury; 4. the right to the assistance of counsel at trial; 5. that, at trial, there would be the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against the Defendant; 6. that, at trial, there is the right to present a defense, and the right to have witnesses subpoenaed to testify on the Defendant's behalf; 7. that, at trial, the Defendant would have the right against compelled selfincrimination; 8. the nature of the charge filed in this case; 9. 14 the maximum possible sentence that could be imposed (including imprisonment, fine, term of supervised release, and mandatory special assessment), the effect of a supervised release term, and that the sentencing guidelines are only advisory so that the Court may sentence Defendant up to the statutory maximum; 10. the terms of the plea agreement; I further find that: 11. that Defendant's plea of guilty is made knowingly and voluntarily; 12. the Defendant is competent to enter a plea; and 13. there is a factual basis for Defendant's plea. ///

I therefore RECOMMEND that the District Judge accept the Defendant's plea of 1 2 guilty. 3 The sentencing hearing will be before United States District Judge JOHN A. HOUSTON, on 8/4/08, at 10:30AM. 4 5 Objections to these Findings and Recommendation were waived by the parties at the hearing. The parties have also waived the preparation of the Presentence report in this case. 6 7 8 Baskan Alawa Dated: <u>07/24/08</u> 9 10 United States Magistrate Judge 11 12 Copies to: 13 Hon. JOHN A. HOUSTON U.S. District Judge 14 **MATTHEW GARDNER** 15 **United States Attorney** 16 SARA PELOQUIN Counsel for Defendant 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28